

The Reciprocity Question.

TORONTO, December 16.—Reports from Ottawa state that the American reciprocity question is engaging the earnest attention of the Government, and after the Christmas holidays a deputation will proceed to Washington to continue the negotiations. Hon. Thomas Ryan has been appointed commissioner to inquire into the means of extending direct trade with British America and countries on the Mediterranean.

Congressional Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—In the Senate, Mr. Wilson's resolution, calling on the Secretary of War for a detailed statement of the numerical strength of the regular army, was adopted.

Mr. Morrill introduced a bill to incorporate the Potomac Navigation and Transportation Company. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Trumbull gave notice of a bill to enlarge the power of the Freedmen's Bureau. A message from the President was read, accompanied by a report from General Grant.

Mr. Sumner disapproved of the report, characterizing it as "a whitewashing report," which reminded him of the Kansas message of Franklin Pierce, in 1856.

Messrs. Dixon and Doolittle replied to Mr. Sumner, defending the message as an able and truthful statement of the facts.

In the House, Mr. Farnsworth offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Committee of Elections to inquire into alleged charges of disloyalty against Mr. Harris, of Maryland, and report the same to the House, together with such action as they may recommend.

The House, by more than a two-third vote, adopted an amendment to the Constitution, providing against the assumption or payment by the United States of any debt incurred by the late Confederate States or any State thereof.

Secretary Seward has addressed letters to the Provisional Governor and Governor of Georgia similar to those sent to Alabama.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The War Department has ordered the reduction of the force of white troops in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi to seven thousand men.

In the Senate, to-day, Mr. Sumner made a speech on "a bill to maintain the tranquility of the inhabitants of the States lately in rebellion." He read a number of letters, public and private, to show that a spirit of rebellion still existed.

Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, replied, and said there were indications of a split in the Republican party, and if the President would stand by the principles of his special message, he would promise him the support of two millions who did not vote for him.

Mr. Cowan also replied to Mr. Sumner, and said the statements made by the latter were all based on anonymous letters.

In the House, Mr. Stephens introduced a Bill to double the pensions of those who were made pensioners by casualties of the late war, to pay the damages done to loyal men by the Confederate Government and rebel raiders, and to enforce the confiscation laws, so as to pay the same out of the confiscated property of the enemy.

Both Houses have agreed to adjourn from to-morrow until the 5th of January.

South Carolina Railroad.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22, 1865.

NO FURNITURE will be received at Hopkins' Turn Out, for shipment to Charleston or other places, for TEN DAYS. Dec 24 C. J. BOLLIN, Agent.

Schedule over South Carolina R. R.

GENERAL SUP'TS OFFICE, CHARLESTON, December 22, 1865.

LEAVE Charleston at 6.00 a. m. Arrive at Hampton's at 4.00 p. m. Leave Hampton's at 6.30 a. m. Arrive at Charleston at 4.15 p. m. Dec 24 H. T. PEAKE, Gen. Sup.

South Carolina Railroad.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22, 1865.

THROUGH TICKETS to Charleston (including stage fare) will be sold in this city at Dr. Geiger's Drug Store. Parties wanting tickets must apply before 5 p. m. Dec 24 C. J. BOLLIN, Agent.

Just Received and for Sale by

A. C. DAVIS.

5 BBLs. OLD CABINET WHISKEY—a very superior article. Second door above old City Hotel Corner, Main street. Dec 23

Parlor and Office Stoves.

A LARGE SUPPLY, just received and for sale by A. PALMER, Corner of Assembly and Washington streets. Dec 23

Look at This!

SHODAIR & STIEGLITZ,

Main Street, near Washington,

HAVE just received a fine assortment of FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.

FIRE-WORKS.

Fine Smoking and Chewing Tobacco. Besides an excellent assortment of Fancy Articles, etc., suitable for Christmas presents. They are also prepared to furnish parties, etc., with handsomely iced and ornamented Cakes. An inspection of their stock is invited. Dec 21

Wanted to Hire.

A COMPETENT NURSE for a child a year old; white or colored. A first-rate House Servant. A first-rate Chambermaid. The best recommendations required. Apply at this office. Dec 21

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ADMISSION FREE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

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ASSEMBLY STREET,

BETWEEN

PLAIN AND WASHINGTON.

FIRE-WORKS! FIRE-WORKS!

SKY ROCKETS, ROMAN CANDLES, WHEEL ROCKETS, SCROLL WHEELS, PIN WHEELS, TRIANGLES, GRASSHOPPERS, SERPENTS, &c. Just received and for sale at Dec 23 COFFIN & RAVENEL'S.

Toys! Toys!

A VARIETY of HANDSOME and ATTRACTIVE TOYS, just received and for sale at Dec 23 COFFIN & RAVENEL'S.

University of South Carolina.

THE General Assembly of South Carolina having changed the South Carolina College into a University, applicants are hereby notified that the exercises of the University will begin on MONDAY, the 8th January next. Students (who must be at least fifteen years of age) will be allowed to select the Departments which they wish to pursue, provided they attend the Lectures in at least three Schools. In certain cases, attendance upon a less number of Schools may be permitted. There will be no examinations for admission. Applicants should present themselves punctually.

C. BRUCE WALKER,

Secretary Faculty. Charleston Courier, Augusta Constitutionalist, Greenville Enterprise, Marion Crescent and Lancaster Ledger will give the above two insertions each, and forward their bills to the Treasurer of the University, Rev. C. Bruce Walker, at this place.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

OFFER for sale several valuable tracts of OAK and HICKORY LANDS, situated in Pickens District, on the line of railroad and around Walhalla. Also, some highly improved Grain and Cotton LANDS, in Fairfield District, located near the Columbia and Charlotte Railroad. Together with several superior PLANTATIONS, in Richland District, one of which is bounded on one side by the Charleston and Columbia Railroad. For particulars, apply to Dec 31 W. A. HARRIS, Agent.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

COLUMBIA, December 21, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2.

THE following appointments of the Board of Visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy are announced, viz: James Conner, Chairman, vice R. J. Davant, resigned.

Johnson Hagood, vice A. P. Aldrich, resigned.

William H. Wallace, vice R. J. Gage, resigned.

By order of the Governor.

A. C. GARLINGTON,

Adjutant and Inspector-General.

HEADQUARTERS,

COLUMBIA, S. C., DEC. 21, 1865.



GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1.

I. The following appointments of Officers in the Militia, made by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-chief, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, to provide for the re-organization of the Militia, are hereby announced, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

1st Division.

Major-General M. W. Gary, Edgefield.

1st Brigade—Brigadier-General Joseph Newton Brown, Anderson.

1st Regiment—Colonel Absalom Blythe, Greenville.

2d Regiment—Colonel W. C. Keith, Pickens.

3d Regiment—Colonel R. B. Arnold, Greenville.

4th Regiment—Colonel Charles S. Mattison, Anderson.

5th Regiment—Colonel E. H. Barton, Pickens.

42d Regiment—Colonel Thomas B. Lee, Anderson.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel W. H. Perry, Greenville.

2d Brigade—Brigadier-General Alex. C. Haskell, Abbeville.

6th Regiment—Colonel G. McDuffie Miller, Abbeville.

7th Regiment—Colonel Robert Lanham, Edgefield.

8th Regiment—Colonel J. Townes Robertson, Abbeville.

9th Regiment—Colonel Benjamin Roper, Edgefield.

10th Regiment—Colonel James Mitchell, Edgefield.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel J. C. Cothran, Abbeville.

2d Division.

Major-General Johnson Hagood, Barnwell.

3d Brigade—Brigadier-General William Elliott, Beaufort.

11th Regiment—Colonel Jas. R. Hagood, Barnwell.

12th Regiment—Colonel Henry C. Smart, Beaufort.

13th Regiment—Colonel Wm. L. Campbell, Colleton.

14th Regiment—Colonel Donald R. Barton, Orangeburg.

15th Regiment—Colonel J. M. Steadman, Lexington.

43d Regiment—Colonel J. Fletcher Brabham, Barnwell.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel Wm. Stokes, Colleton.

4th Brigade—Brigadier-General John A. Wagener, Charleston.

16th Regiment—Colonel Edward Magrath, Charleston.

17th Regiment—Colonel Samuel Lord, Jr., Charleston.

18th Regiment—Colonel Thos. E. Raysor, Charleston.

19th Regiment—Colonel J. C. Cain, Berkeley.

1st Regiment of Rifles—Colonel C. H. Simonton, Charleston.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel P. Bacot Allston, Charleston.

3d Division.

Major-General J. B. Kershaw, Kershaw.

5th Brigade—Brigadier-General F. W. McMaster, Richland.

20th Regiment—Colonel J. Harrington Cooper, Sumter.

21st Regiment—Colonel T. F. Clyburne, Lancaster.

22d Regiment—Colonel L. W. R. Blair, Kershaw.

23d Regiment—Colonel John Meighan, Richland.

44th Regiment—Colonel W. T. Lesesne, Clarendon.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel Robert M. Sims, Lancaster.

6th Brigade—Brigadier-General Wm. A. Walker, Chester.

24th Regiment—Colonel Jas. P. Macfie, Fairfield.

25th Regiment—Col. J. H. Rion, Fairfield.

26th Regiment—Colonel Grandison Williams, Chester.

27th Regiment—Colonel John R. Culp, Chester.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel Thomas W. Woodward, Fairfield.

4th Division.

Major-General Robert F. Graham, Marion.

7th Brigade—Brigadier-General W. H. Evans, Darlington.

28th Regiment—Colonel W. Allen Benton, Marlboro.

29th Regiment—Colonel J. A. Law, Darlington.

30th Regiment—Colonel C. M. Weatherly, Marlboro.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel P. L. Brendon, Marlboro.

8th Brigade—Brigadier-General Jas. F. Pressley, Williamsburg.

31st Regiment—Colonel Jas. McCutchen, Williamsburg.

32d Regiment—Colonel Duncan McIntyre, Marion.

33d Regiment—Colonel Amijah H. Johnston, Horry.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel Benjamin Allston, Georgetown.

5th Division.

Major-General James H. Williams, Newberry.

9th Brigade—Brigadier-General J. C. Winsmith, Spartanburg.

34th Regiment—Colonel Joseph A. McLean, York.

35th Regiment—Colonel James Douglass, Union.

36th Regiment—Colonel Thos. J. Moore, Spartanburg.

37th Regiment—Colonel J. Banks Lyles, Spartanburg.

48th Regiment—Colonel John M. White, York.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel J. G. McKissick, Union.

10th Brigade—Brigadier-General R. P. Todd, Laurens.

38th Regiment—Colonel Thos. W. Gary, Newberry.

39th Regiment—Colonel W. W. Lester, Newberry.

40th Regiment—Colonel G. W. Culbertson, Laurens.

41st Regiment—Colonel G. F. Mosely, Laurens.

45th Regiment—Colonel Harrison Floyd, Spartanburg.

To command companies of mounted men—Colonel Robert Betsel, Union.

II Major-Generals commanding Divisions, will immediately proceed to issue their orders to their respective Brigadier-Generals to re-organize their respective commands, by the election of all commissioned officers of the line of and below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and by the appointment of non-commissioned officers.

III. Officers, now in commission, will continue to exercise their respective offices until their successors shall be elected and commissioned, and promptly carry into execution all orders given by their superiors in rank.

IV. The organization of the companies raised, under the proclamation of Governor Perry, for the police of the State, in battalions and regiments in the respective brigades, will be suspended until further orders from this Department; and, in the meantime, the officers of such companies will carefully observe the orders issued by the Post Commandants of the United States forces in the respective Districts, and only employ their organizations as an auxiliary police force to aid the United States authorities in preserving order.

V. Colonels commanding regiments will report the organization of their respective commands, and their effective force to the Brigadier-Generals commanding brigades, who will make a consolidated return of their respective brigades, through their Major-Generals, to the office of the Adjutant and Inspector-General, (at present at Newberry Court House,) on or before the 15th day of March next.

By order of the Governor:

A. C. GARLINGTON,

Adj't. and Insp'r. Gen'l. of S. C.

All the papers in the State will copy once and send bills to the office of the Adjutant and Inspector-General, at Newberry, S. C. Dec 23 2

Auction Sales.

Groceries.

By JAMES G. GIBBES.

C. F. HARRISON, AUCTIONEER. ON WEDNESDAY, December 27, at 10 o'clock, will be sold,

The balance of the STOCK of Lumsden & McGee, on Assembly street, consisting of Bacon, Soda, Mustard, Oil, Vinegar, Brandy, And a variety of articles.

ALSO,

The large and commodious Store occupied by that firm.

BURDELL & McMAHON, Assignees. Dec 24

Commissioner's Sale.

Et parte Melvin M. Sams et ux et al. IN EQUITY—RICHLAND DISTRICT.

IN pursuance of the order of the Court of Equity in this case, I will sell, before the Court House, in the city of Columbia, on the 1st MONDAY in January next, at 10 o'clock a. m., all that two lots of LAND, situate in the city of Columbia, butting and bounding towards the North on Waring's lots, towards the South on Chas. Black's lot, towards the East on lot of Dr. Samuel Fair, and towards the West on Richardson (otherwise called Main) street; measuring in front on Richardson street about 58 feet, more or less, and in depth about 208 feet, with an alley-way between the two lots, extending the whole depth of the lots; which, if the lots are sold to different purchasers, will be in common to the two lots. Upon the lots were two commodious stores, destroyed by fire, the bricks being still upon them. These lots are admirably situated for business.

TERMS.—Two-thirds cash; the balance at the expiration of one year from the day of sale; to be secured by bond and mortgage of the premises, with interest payable annually until the whole debt has been paid. Purchasers to pay for papers.

D. B. DESAUSURE,

Commissioner in Equity Richland Dist. Dec 10 mf

Commissioner's Sale.

IN EQUITY—YORK DISTRICT.

Robert Bell and wife and others vs. Wm. Ardrey.—Bill for Partition.

IN obedience to the decree of the Court of Equity made in this case, I will sell, at York Court House, on the FIRST MONDAY in January next, a TRACT of LAND, situate in York District, on Sugar Creek, bounded by lands of J. T. Withers, Eliza Stewart and D. G. Bennet, and containing four hundred acres, more or less. This is a most desirable and highly productive plantation.

TERMS OF SALE.—A sufficiency of cash to pay the costs of these proceedings; the balance of the purchase money on a credit of one and two years, in equal instalments, with interest from the day of sale, and secured by the bond of the purchaser, with good sureties and a mortgage of the premises. W. B. METTS, C. E. Y. D. Dec 9

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

RICHLAND DISTRICT—IN EQUITY.

John Logan, George W. Glenn, et ux et al., vs. Rufus J. Reid, Joseph Clippers, et ux et al.—Bill for Sale of Real Estate.

IN pursuance of the order of the Court in the above case, I will sell, on the FIRST MONDAY in January next, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court House, in the city of Columbia, S. C., two SQUARES OF LAND in said city, containing four acres each—one lot bounded as follows: On the North, by Plain street; on the East, by Winn street; on the South, by Washington street; on the West, by Barnwell street. The other square, or lot, bounded as follows: On the North, by Blanding street; on the South, by Taylor street; on the East, by Laurens street; and on the West, by Winn street.

One of these squares is so situated as to be a most eligible location for private residences; the other square, opposite the depot of the Columbia and Charlotte Railroad, is well situated for stores or business establishments. These squares, or lots, will be so sub-divided as to suit purchasers, as well those who seek investments as those who desire to provide themselves a comfortable home. A map, with the lots numbered, can be seen at my office.

TERMS.—One-fourth cash; balance on a credit of one, two and three years, with interest payable annually until the whole debt be paid, secured by bond and mortgage of the premises. Purchasers to pay for papers.

D. B. DESAUSURE, C. E. R. D.

Nov 28 :12

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Columbia to Charleston.

THE NEW and FIRST-CLASS LIGHT DRAFT STEAMER GEORGE is now prepared to make engagements to take Freight from Granby Landing to Charleston. All goods forwarded by this line will be insured, if desired. Also, forwarded to New York, and advances made upon the same, if required. Dec 14 mo A. L. SOLOMON, Agent.

27 The Abbeville Banner, Newberry Herald, Anderson Intelligencer and Chester Standard will publish the above for two weeks, and send bills to this office.

Wanted,

A SITUATION as TUTOR, in a family of five, six or eight children. All the English Branches and Latin and Greek (if desired) taught. Apply at this office, stating salary. References given, if required. Dec 5 18

Cotton Seed

2,000 BUSHELS choice COTTON SEED for sale. Apply to the undersigned, at Marion C. H., S. C. Dec 14 '65 W. W. DURANT.